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DANISH GRASS AND LEGUME SEED OUTLOOK FOR 1958-59

REFLECTS SMALLER CROPS AND HIGHER PRICES

The 1958 Danish grass and legume seed crops were materially below those of 1957. This, coupled with below normal carryovers of most kinds of seeds, resulted in sharp increases in price. For example, white clover was quoted at the end of July at 44 cents per pound; by the middle of September the price had advanced to 76 cents per pound. Since Denmark is the primary European source of grass and legume seeds, the Danish situation is likely to affect the demand and price for seeds throughout Europe.

Grass seed acreage during 1957 was 4 percent smaller than during the previous year, while the legume seed acreage was 29 percent larger.

The estimated 1958-59 total grass and legume seed supply of 65,911 thousand pounds is 23 percent below the 1957-58 supply of 85,342 thousand pounds. Allowing for normal consumption in 1958-59 (18,728 thousand pounds), the amount available for export and carryout is only 48,219 thousand pounds compared with 76,663 thousand pounds in the previous crop marketing season. Exports totaled 58,552 thousand pounds in 1957-58, and assuming a moderate carryout of 16,534 thousand pounds, the exportable surplus is 31,431 thousand pounds or 53 percent of the previous year's shipments.

DENMARK: Grass and legume seed supply and distribution, 1957-58, revised 1/

Kind of seed	Production	Carryover July 1, 1957	Imports	Total supply	Exports	Domestic disappearance	Carryover July 1, 1958
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Red clover, early	626	306	121	1,053	18	712	304
Red clover, semi-late	4,140	2,224	4	6,368	207	4,140	2,125
White clover	5,919	472	86	6,477	3,664	1,735	1,193
Black medic	2,293	150	--	2,443	1,100	677	604
Alfalfa	--	90	736	826	--	772	289
Birdsfoot trefoil	88	13	44	145	22	97	51
Perennial ryegrass, early	10,340	2,970	4	13,314	8,168	1,149	4,583
Perennial ryegrass, late	5,516	2,553	--	8,069	3,142	2,895	2,218
Common ryegrass	7,396	3,073	--	10,469	6,658	547	3,657
Timothy	1,195	161	450	1,806	176	1,451	234
Orchard	13,053	425	18	13,496	12,881	988	421
Meadow fescue	7,709	1,307	--	9,016	6,755	2,240	412
Red fescue	5,185	93	--	5,278	5,249	320	68
Danish bluegrass	3,549	642	--	4,191	4,008	121	267
Kentucky bluegrass	2,280	55	71	2,406	2,094	269	119

1/ There is a slight discrepancy between distribution and supply; it is attributed to incomplete production reports.

DENMARK: Grass and legume seed supply and distribution estimates, 1958-59

Kind of seed	Production	Carryover July 1, 1958	Total supplies	Available for export	Domestic disappearance	Imports required
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Red clover, early	441	304	745	--	827	82
Red clover, semi-late	2,094	2,125	4,219	30	4,189	--
White clover	1,653	1,193	2,846	1,082	1,764	--
Black medic	882	604	1,486	604	882	--
Alfalfa	--	289	289	--	882	593
Birdsfoot trefoil	--	51	51	--	99	48
Perennial ryegrass, early	5,512	4,583	10,095	8,772	1,323	--
Perennial ryegrass, late	2,866	2,218	5,084	2,218	2,866	--
Common ryegrass	4,189	3,657	7,846	7,295	551	--
Timothy	1,102	234	1,336	--	1,433	97
Orchard	12,125	421	12,546	11,554	992	--
Meadow fescue	7,275	412	7,687	5,482	2,205	--
Red fescue	5,291	68	5,359	5,028	331	--
Danish bluegrass	2,646	267	2,913	2,803	110	--
Kentucky bluegrass	3,307	119	3,426	3,150	276	--

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